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1. The overall trade union's organization in Rumania is the Confederacia Generala a Munci (C.G.M.) which has its headquarters in Bucharest. The C.G.M. is organized into individual branches, the so-called Syndicatuls. Syndica Syndicatuls available include the Sindicatul Lemn - Forrestier (trade union of wood and forest workers); the Sindicatul Metallurgic (trade union of metal workers); the Sindicatul Industrie Usoare (trade union of workers employed in light industry); the Sindicatul Alimentare (trade union of food-stuff workers); the Sindicatul Functionarilor si Angajacilor - Intreprinderile de Stat si Cooperative (trade union of government officials and employees); the Sindicatul CFR (trade union of railroad workers); the Sindicatul Minelor si Petrol (trade union of miners and workers of the oil industry); and the Sindicatul Artistilor (trade union of artists).
2. All workers, including Germans, must belong to a trade union. Germans may become trade union leaders at the lower and medium levels. The Rumanian workers are entitled to wages and welfare benefits such as leave, sick benefits and medical care, protection of labor, recreation etc. Trade unions maintain their own labor courts which settle disputes involving the rights of workers. Much was being done for the welfare of workers by trade unions. Almost all spas, pe recreation homes and mountain huts are owned by trade unions and are not the disposal of workers.
3. The dues which must be paid for trade union membership amount to 2 percent of wages. The basic unit of an individual syndical is the cell which is composed of about 10 members. The size of the cells varies, however, depending on the size of the industrial enterprise involved. Political indoctrination is given within these cells. The next higher unit of the syndical is the factory group which is composed of several cells. The factory group is headed by a "president" who is assisted by a secretary. Factory groups are organized on a regional basis. Every syndical is headed by a "Comitetul General". A "Comitetul Unit" of the C.G.M. is located every major Rumanian town. This Comitetul Unite controls the local headquarters of the different syndicatuls existing in the country. The president of such a Comitetul Unite is assisted by a secretary; a staff member in charge of finances, press matters and organization; a staff member in charge of physical training and cultural matters; a staff member in charge of health insurance; and a staff member in charge

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of labor protection matters.

4. Trade union functionaries are elected by the rank and file of their trade unionists. Low level functionaries are not paid.

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